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1. JOINT MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR 8:00 P.M. JAN

20 BY THE LOCAL MADRID "JUNTA DEMOCRATICA" AND "PLATAFORMA DEMOCRATICA" COALITIONS (REF) FOR AMNESTY AND SALARIES, FAILED TO GET OFF GROUND DUE TO MASSIVE POLICE PRECAUTIONS AND MASSIVE DISINTEREST IN GETTING INVOLVED. THE GOS WARNED THAT NO SUCH MARCH HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED AND THE GOVT WOULD TAKE NECESSARY STEPS. REPORTEDLY SOME IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE COALITIONS DECIDED THEN NOT TO PARTICIPATE. AREA IN AND NEAR MARCH ROUTE WAS LINED WITH ONE OF THE HEAVIEST CONCENTRATIONS OF POLICE EVER WITNESSED IN MADRID. THEY PREVENTED GROUPS FROM CONGREGATING AND KEPT PEDESTRIANS ON THE MOVE. SCATTERED INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN SIDE STREETS WHEN SMALL GROUPS OF DEMONSTRATORS (MOSTLY QUITE YOUNG) TRIED TO FORM, AND POLICE PROMPTLY BROKE THEM UP. A "PLATAFORMA" SOURCE, WHO THOUGHT THE WHOLE IDEA INSANE, CHARACTERIZED THE OUTCOME AS A CONSIDERABLE TRIUMPH FOR FRAGA'S POLICIES.

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